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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	MANAGING DISK DRIVE REPLACEMENTS ON MULTIDISK HEADLESS APPLIANCES

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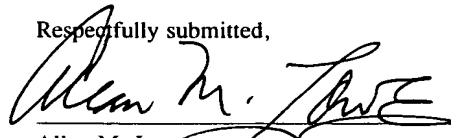
- ☒ 17 sheets of ☒ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☐ Certified copy of UK patent application _____. Priority is claimed if not already of record.
- ☒ Notice of Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449 and cited references.
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☐ An assignment conveying title to Hewlett-Packard Company with PTO Form 1595.

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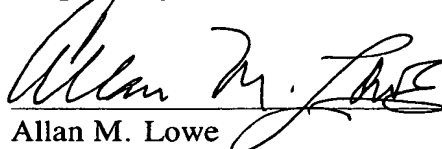
**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of October 26, 2000, the filing date of the corresponding UK patent application 0026197.4.

The certified copy of UK patent application 0026197.4 will be submitted as soon as it is received by Applicant's counsel. Kindly direct any inquiries in connection with this matter to the undersigned at the below-listed address and telephone number.

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